



Federal Legislative Activities Week of September 14, 2015

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of Sept 14, 2015, below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Wednesday, September 16th

2 PM | The House will meet for legislative business to consider the following under suspension of the rules:

[H.R. 23](#) - National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015 - This bill authorizes the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program (NWIRP) through FY 2017 and makes a number of changes to the program, including by designating the National Institutes for Standards and Technology as the lead program agency and specifying the roles of other agencies. It requires FEMA to develop risk assessment tools and effective mitigation techniques; perform data collection and analysis; engage in public outreach and information dissemination; and promote the adoption of windstorm preparedness and mitigation measures. FEMA is also required to work closely with national standards and building code organizations to promote implementation of research results and promote better building practices.

[H.R. 720](#) - Gerardo Hernandez Airport Security Act of 2015 - This bill directs the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to undertake a variety of activities aimed at enhancing security at airports where TSA performs or oversees security-related activities, including by ensuring that airports have active plans for responding to security incidents, reviewing the extent to which airport emergency responders can communicate with one another and training TSA screening personnel to respond to active-shooter events.

[H.R. 1214](#) - National Forest Small Tracts Amendments Act of 2015 - This bill expands the authority of the Agriculture Department to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land on its own discretion, without the need for Congress to pass legislation, and thereby enhance the department's management of the National Forest System. Specifically, the measure increases from \$150,000 to \$500,000 the maximum value of parcels of land that the department may sell, including parcels that are 40 acres or less in size and are isolated, inaccessible or have lost their National Forest character; parcels 10 acres or smaller that are encroached upon by permanent housing and where there is no evidence that the encroachment was intentional or negligent; and parcels used as cemeteries, landfills or sewage treatment plants.

Thursday and Friday, September 17th and 18th

On Thursday, the House will meet at 12 PM and 9 AM on Friday to consider the following legislative items:

[H.R. 758](#) - Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act - The bill modifies federal rules governing civil lawsuits to require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that violate the existing prohibition on the filing of frivolous lawsuits, and to require that such sanctions include monetary penalties to cover the other party's attorney's fees and other costs.

[H.R. 3134](#) - Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 - The bill prohibits for one year any federal funding from being provided to Planned Parenthood or its affiliates or clinics, unless they certify that they will not perform or fund abortions during that time.